

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Butte Elementary School Library/ Technology Upgrade

**State Funding Requested: \$ 7,500****House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Library and Technology Upgrade.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$7,500**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$7,500	FY08				
Total	\$7,500					

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

These funds are needed to replace and repair damaged books and purchase new titles so that students have adequate research and literary materials for their education. In addition these funds are also needed to ensure that students have access to working and updated computers and technology for research and other educational purposes. Books have become worn and new titles are being printed and the library needs replace and expand its book collection. Likewise, as computer and electronics technologies are advancing current systems require upgrades and replacements to provide students the access to electronic databases and resources that they need for their education. As more and more information becomes available in electronic digital format it becomes increasingly important to educate students how to access and utilize these resources.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Mat-Su School District &amp; Butte Elementary School

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Home of the "Butte Bandits"**

**Dan M. Kitchin**  
**Principal**

**Debbie Wells**  
**Admin. Secretary**

April 22, 2008

Dear Senator Huggins,

Butte Elementary, located in Palmer, Alaska, has been open since 1979. In its day, it was a modern building with modern technology and new books for the library. However, today while we are slowly making progress to improve our technological advances and keep new books in the library, we are still lacking in many areas. Our school is slowly making the necessary changes to update our library for student and parent use. We are requesting \$7,500 + to make upgrades to our library.

Items that our school library can use at this time to upgrade technology and reading programs, are new computers for research, the use of iBistro and our reading and assessment programs. Other items that are necessary in updating the library are new books in various prints and genres. The nonfiction section has an average copyright date of 1980. Audio tapes, CD's, DVD's and other teaching materials would enhance our school wide programs to help our students succeed. Students, staff and parents of the Butte community use this library on a daily basis.

Thank you for your consideration in the library upgrades to Butte Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Teresa Paulson  
Library Media Specialist

Sincerely,

Dan Kitchin  
Principal